

REORGANIZES
HIS TROOPSKuropatkin's Were In
Demoralized State

BY RETREAT TO MUKDEN

Russian General Reports That Enemy
Is Concentrating At a Point
South of Mukden.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 12.—Officials here say that General Kuropatkin is reorganizing his troops which were somewhat demoralized during the retreat toward Mukden.

General Kuropatkin reports that the Japanese are concentrating at Yuanpudza, south of Mukden. The general staff here denies to report that General Linvitch is advancing from Vladivostok to cut off the Japanese line.

BIG JAPANESE FORCE SEEN.

But Kuropatkin Reports He Has Heard
of No Engagement.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 13.—Reports from Mukden this morning state that rain continues to fall. The report adds that the Russians quartered about Mukden are in danger of starvation.

General Kuropatkin reports that he has received no news of any engagement today. A considerable force of Japanese, he says, have been seen forty miles southwest of Mukden.

GENERAL BATTLE EXPECTED.

Skirmishes Between Russians and Japanese
Are Constant.

London, Sept. 13.—Despatches to the Exchange Telegraph company from General Kuroki's headquarters state that skirmishes between the Russians and the Japanese advance guard are taking place with increasing frequency. Although the troops are stale a general battle is expected.

THE LENA MAY REMAIN.

Russian Battleship at San Francisco in
Need of Repairs.

Washington, Sept. 13.—A full report of the condition of the Russian cruiser Lena, now at San Francisco, having been received from the fleet engineer of the Pacific squadron, it was authoritatively announced at the State Department this morning that the Lena was in actual need of repairs requiring about six weeks time in which to complete them, and that under the law she would be permitted to make those repairs. It was stated in addition that anything in the nature of exceeding such repairs as are necessary to make her seaworthy would be prevented by the authorities.

FIVE TRAIN ROBBERS
ARE BEING CHASEDThey Held Up Rock Island Train, Dynamited
Express Car, Stole \$20,000
and Escaped in the Engine.

Davenport, Iowa, Sept. 13.—One hundred men, comprising the officials of three counties and four cities are pursuing five train robbers who this morning at Lotts, Iowa, held up the Rock Island railway train for Kansas City, dynamited the express car and got between \$10,000 and \$20,000. They escaped with the engine which they abandoned near Columbus Junction, Iowa.

WILLIAMS IS CONFIDENT.

Willing to Let Republicans Hug Them-
selves Over Vermont Election.

Washington, Sept. 13.—Representative John Sharp Williams of Mississippi is quoted as content to let the Republicans hug themselves with delight over their great victory in Vermont. "Notwithstanding the Vermont election," he said, "the Democrats have good grounds for expecting victory. If some Southern states were to hold an election tomorrow and go almost unanimously for Judge Parker, the Republicans would scoff at the idea of there being any political significance. It is the same way with Vermont, and nobody is cast down over what happened up there."

Fatal Fall From Apple Tree.

Ogdensburg, N. Y., Sept. 13.—Jere minah Hitchcock, foreman of the Proctor Manufacturing company, fell eight feet from an apple tree, breaking his back. The fractured spine lapped for three inches, and his body was completely paralyzed.

Pilot Passes Half Century Mark.

New York, Sept. 13.—Pilot John C. Wolf has rounded out half a century of service as a Sandy Hook pilot. He became a pilot on Sept. 11, 1854. He is at present in active service and recently brought the German steamer Altair in from sea.

HOW THEY DID DRILL.

One Press Despatch Says Vermont Regiment
Showed Up Well.

A press despatch says of the First Regiment, V. N. G., at the Manassas war maneuvers: The 1st Vermont, which has nearly 300 men and officers on the field, showed up splendidly and was pleasantly spoken of by several regular officers who watched their advance from a position in the edge of a timber growth up to the firing line. Col. J. G. Estey was very ably assisted by one of his staff officers, Capt. C. M. Brownell, who did good service with the 20th U. S. volunteers.

The Vermonters were well baked out while lying concealed in a broad field of corn. They had, of course, unshaken their rolls and canteens and otherwise made themselves as airy-fairy as possible for the long wait.

It was about 10 o'clock when word came that they were wanted up front, and right smartly did they get attached to their companies and respond to marching orders. In the most approved manner did they form, get into position and go to the support of the 8th U. S. infantry, which was being fiercely assailed.

HANDLED LIVE WIRE.

St Albans Train Man Leaves a Widow
and Six Small Children.

St. Albans, Sept. 12.—Frank Garratt, of Plattsburg, who has been working for a time as a shifter in the city freight yards, was instantly killed last night in the yards at about 8 o'clock by handling a live wire. An electric light wire had fallen from a pole across the grain platform at the yards and Mr. Garratt proceeded to coil up the broken end. He had completed the coiling of one end and placed it on one side out of the way and was proceeding to coil the other when he inadvertently took hold of both ends of the broken wire at the same time. The trainmen missed him and going back found him dead within a few feet of his lantern. He had apparently never moved after the shock. The body was not burned but was of a purple color.

Mr. Garratt leaves a wife and six small children. Mrs. Garratt having arrived in this city last Saturday. The body was taken to the undertaking rooms of Theodore Rochester and was sent to Plattsburg this morning on the 7:20 o'clock boat from St. Albans Bay.

SPLENDID GIFT
TO BRATTLEBOROCol. Austine Left \$50,000 For Construction of Hospital to Care
For Strangers.

Brattleboro, Sept. 13.—The will of Col. William Austine who died last week leaves \$50,000 to the town of Brattleboro, in trust toward the establishment of a hospital for the temporary treatment of strangers and local invalids peculiarly situated. Dr. George F. Gale, Dr. A. I. Miller, Dr. G. R. Anderson, Col. Charles A. Miles and George C. Averill are named as a governing board, with the first selectman of the town.

The town already has the Thompson hospital built at an expense of \$60,000 nearly ready for occupancy.

Colonel Austine left \$10,000 as a permanent fund the income to go annually to the best scholar of the graduating class of the high school and \$5,000 in bonds the income to be used for the indigent women and girls of St. Michael's Episcopal parish. The will disposed of about \$100,000, of which \$50,000 is given to the colonel's nearest relatives. Howard M. Eustis of Mobile, Ala., is residuary legatee and executor without bonds. H. B. Chamberlain of Brattleboro is left \$6,000; Col. H. E. Taylor, postmaster, \$2,000; William S. Newton, town clerk, \$1,000, and about 15 other people of the town, mostly employees or former employees of the Brooks House, where Col. Austine lived many years, are remembered with \$30 to \$1,000.

WANT DAIRY SCHOOL BUILDING.

A Bill Authorizing Erection to Be Introduced
in Legislature.

Burlington, Sept. 12.—A bill will be introduced at the coming session of the legislature providing for an appropriation to the State Agricultural College for the purpose of the erection and equipment of an agricultural building to be used as a dairy school and for other teaching and investigation in agriculture.

This movement is said to have the hearty approbation of such bodies as the Vermont Dairymen's Association, the Vermont Horticultural Society, and the Vermont Farmers' Legislative Assembly.

SATISFACTORY SETTLEMENT.

Library Committee and Contractor
Paige Reach Agreement.

Burlington, Sept. 12.—Contractor Paige of Rutland, who constructed the new library building had a consultation with the library committee today relative to his bill for extra charges. Mr. Paige's bill was for about \$3,200, and was for extra time incurred by delay in beginning the work, extra labor caused by the erecting of one of the foundation walls, etc. The library committee were willing originally to pay a part of this but there was a dispute over \$2,100 of it. At their last conference last night, however, the parties came to a satisfactory agreement and the matter will be settled without any lawsuit.

HIS HEAD CRUSHED.

William H. Gile of White River Junction
Killed in Train Yard.

White River Junction, Sept. 12.—William H. Gile, in charge of the night shifting on the Central Vermont railroad here, was killed in the yard early Sunday morning, his head being severed. The accident is unexplained. He is survived by a wife and six children at Windsor.

HUMAN CHAIN
SAVED MANYBut Seven Lost Lives In
New York Fire

WAS SET IN FOUR PLACES

Building Was On First Street and Was
Occupied as a Tenement—Bodies
of Victims on Fifth Floor.

New York, Sept. 13.—Seven people lost their lives in a fire in a tenement house on First street early this morning. Several others were badly burned or injured. The building was five stories in height. The fire was evidently incendiary as it started simultaneously on the first, fourth and fifth floors. Many of the inmates were carried down the fire escapes while others were rescued by the police who formed a human chain and lifted one after another of them from the building to one adjoining.

When the flames were extinguished the bodies of the victims were found on the top floor. They were those of Mr. and Mrs. Connovitz, their two babies and three men whose names are unknown, who boarded with the Connovitz family.

LEAGUE'S BEST PITCHERS.

Sheldon, O'Brien and Minnehan Ranked
Among Most Successful.

Of the twelve pitchers who officiated in at least ten Northern league games this season Dresser of Barre-Montpelier stands first in the number of games won, taking eight out of eleven games he pitched. His percentage is .727. Washington comes next with seven won and three lost, giving him a percentage of .700. Cristall of the same team is third with .692, having won nine games and lost four. Vickers who pitched for both Burlington and Barre-Montpelier, won ten and lost five.

O'Brien of Rutland and Sheldon of Barre-Montpelier were perhaps the most successful pitchers considering their hard service. Sheldon was the hardest worked twirler in the Northern league, he officiating in eighteen games, nearly half of the season's schedule. Sheldon won eleven of the eighteen and has a percentage of .611. O'Brien who pitched one less game, lost one less and consequently has a percentage of .647. The other pitchers who officiated in more than ten games and their percentages are as follows: Williams, St. Albans, .533; George, St. Albans, .500; Scanlon, Plattsburg, .454; Melane, Burlington and Plattsburg, .400; Cox, St. Albans, .384; Campbell, Burlington and Plattsburg, .372.

Of the others, who pitched less than ten games, Minnehan was easily the first having dropped but one of seven games, that to Barre-Montpelier. Lawson of Burlington is second with five won and two lost. Page of Barre-Montpelier was fourth with a percentage of .400, having won two and lost three. Eleven of the pitchers tried out by the five teams did not win a game.

Eddie Loughlin as a Pitcher.

In a recent game between the Milford, Mass., and Woonsocket, R. I., Gyms, the former team won 9 to 0. Loughlin, who played in the field for St. Albans, did the pitching for Milford. Lawson of the Burlingtons was to twirl for the Gyms and Page of Barre-Montpelier for Milford, but both men failed to show up and Cox, who pitched in the morning for the Gyms was sent in while Eddie Loughlin, a fielder, was sent in for Milford. Loughlin proved a star, as only three hits were made off him. Cox did well until the sixth, when he got tired, and seven runs were pounded out. Among the other members of the Milford team were Hafford at second, Grant at third, Higgins catcher, and Uniac shortstop, all well known as members of this season's St. Albans league team.

Philadelphia Wants Robertson.

Manager P. F. McManus of the Rutland baseball team received a telegram yesterday from Manager "Connie" Mack of the Philadelphia American league team, offering to give Robertson, Rutland's first baseman of the past season, the amount of \$300 to cover first base for Philadelphia for the remainder of the American league season, which will end October 16. Manager McManus replied giving Manager Mack the New York address of Robertson, and Mack will probably communicate with him there.

OPENING OF NORTFIELD FAIR.

There Was a Representative Attendance
for the First Day.

Northfield, Sept. 13.—The annual Dog River Valley fair opened yesterday morning with a representative attendance for the first day which is largely devoted to the arranging of exhibits and completing of entries. The departments of cattle, sheep, swine and poultry are unusually large and varied and floral hall is crowded with many specimens of fine work in many branches. Several of the manufacturing concerns of the state have exhibits and local merchants as well as those from Barre and Randolph are also represented in handsome booths.

DEMOCRATS
MADE GAINSMaine Overwhelmingly
Republican However

PLURALITY WILL BE 33,000

Returns to Date Are Very Incomplete
But Show Bigger Democratic
Gains Than Republican.

Augusta, Me., Sept. 13.—Reports on the state election are slowly coming in but the latest returns show that Cobb is elected by a plurality of 31,000.

Complete returns will not be received for several days, but 300 out of 522 cities, towns and plantations gave Cobb 59,705, Davis 28,590. Same places in 1900 Hill, r. 51,705; Lord, d. 29,302. These returns show a Republican gain of about 15 per cent and a Democratic gain of about 31 per cent over 1900.

In the list of pre-election claims both parties should be satisfied with the result. The Republicans placed Cobb's plurality at 18,000, and the leaders were overjoyed tonight in having those figures exceeded by 12,000. The Democrats stated yesterday that if the Republican plurality of 34,384 of four years ago was reduced by one vote that they should regard it as a Democratic victory. Up to a late hour tonight no statement could be obtained from any of the Democratic leaders.

In the first and second congressional districts the returns indicate the election of Ames T. Allen and Charles E. Littlefield by about the same plurality as four years ago. I the third district E. C. Burleigh ran ahead of his vote of four years ago. At late hour tonight very few reports had been received from the fourth district, where his re-election of Llewellyn Powers is conceded.

Early returns show that the Democrats have probably made slight gains in both branches of the legislature, but that body will remain strongly Republican, and will probably re-select Senator E. E. Hale.

The vote was the heaviest cast since 1888. Three hundred towns reported a net gain for the Democrats of over 1,000 votes.

CONGRESSMEN RETURNED.

Republican Majority in Maine Legisla-
ture Is Assured.

Portland, Me., Sept. 12.—With William T. Cobb of Rockland heading their ticket as candidate for governor, the Republicans carried Maine at the biennial election today. The four present Congressmen, Ames T. Allen in the first, Charles E. Allen in the second, E. C. Burleigh in the third and Llewellyn Powers in the fourth districts were also returned and a Republican majority in the Legislature was assured. The party was also successful in many county contests, of which there were more than the usual number this year.

While the various county contests were bitter and hard fought, general interest was fixed on the probable plurality for Mr. Cobb, the Republican candidate, the Democrats aiming to reduce it below the 33,000 of 1900 and the Republicans determined to prevent a falling off. To these ends the leaders put forth every effort, especially in the large cities and towns.

Early returns showed that both parties had made gains over the election of 1900. It was also seen that the Democrats had outstripped the Republicans in many instances.

The cities of Saco, Biddeford, Auburn, Waterville, Rockland and Lewiston gave their returns very early and the figures indicating Democratic gains grew steadily. Later, however, when the towns began to be heard from, a decrease was noted and by the time 150 of the 522 cities and towns had been tabulated the net gain was in favor of the Republicans.

GOV. HILL TO PRESIDENT.

Claims a Plurality of 30,000 for Roosevelt
and Prosperity.

Augusta, Me., Sept. 12.—The following telegrams were sent out late tonight by Governor Hill:

"The President, Oyster Bay, N. Y."

"Maine expresses her appreciation of the splendid achievements of your efforts for the advancement of every interest of the nation by apurality of about 30,000 for Roosevelt and prosperity."

(Signed) "JOHN F. HILL."

"The Hon. Geo. B. Cortelyou, Chairman Republican National Committee, New York."

"Returns already received indicate a plurality of about 30,000. Have elected our four congressmen by majorities ranging from 5,000 to 10,000, every member of the state Senate except four, and five-sixths of the members of the House of Representatives."

(Signed) "JOHN F. HILL."

ALEX. CLARHEW
DEAD IN SCOTLANDMember of Firm of Milne, Clarihew
& Gray Was Seeking Health
in Mother Country.

George B. Milne received last evening a cablegram from George Gray in Scotland announcing the death of their partner, Alexander Clarihew, on Saturday last, of lung trouble.

In the death of Alex. Clarihew, of Clarihew & Gray in Scotland, Barre has lost one of its leading business men. Mr. Clarihew was born in Scotland about 50 years ago. He was a man of indomitable perseverance and strict integrity. He emigrated to this country about 20 years ago. In 1888 he formed a co-partnership with George Gray from which time they have continued to conduct a granite manufacturing business under the firm name of Clarihew & Gray. They commenced in a small way on Burnham's meadow. In 1891, on the death of Mr. Simpson, of McLeod & Simpson, they purchased the plant of that firm, to which they have gradually kept adding until it has assumed its present proportions. In 1895 Clarihew & Gray bought the W. S. Willey interest in the then Milne & Willey quarry, and became partners with George B. Milne under the name of Milne, Clarihew & Gray. In 1898 the firm bought the adjoining large dark quarry owned by the Empire Granite Co., and have since conducted a large quarrying business. Mr. Clarihew is thus a member of two different firms, each doing a large and profitable business. His death comes as a shock to his many friends in the city, as none realized his end was so near, though he has been in failing health for several years. He left Barre about two years ago and has since resided for the most part in Kintor, Aberdeenshire, near his old home. He spent last winter on the banks of the Nile and had planned to return to Barre this summer, but did not feel strong enough for the journey.

Mr. Clarihew was secretary of the Barre Granite Quarry Owners Association from its organization until he left the city, and his loss will be keenly felt in the business life of the community.

DOCTOR DIED SUDDENLY.

Dr. George Dorch of South Ryegate Was
Born in 1828.

South Ryegate, Sept. 13.—Dr. George Dorch, who has been living with his daughter, Mrs. V. S. Wallace, passed away very suddenly last Saturday night. He had not been well for some time and for the two days previous to his death had been feeling more feeble. But his sudden departure was not looked for, although he himself and the attending physician were aware that his heart was very liable to give way at any moment. Dr. Dorch came to live with his daughter three years ago. He was a very quiet man and went out from home very little. The few who were privileged to know him found a very bright and intelligent gentleman, a man well read and warm hearted. He was born in Lagrange in 1828 and had spent most of his life in the South.

A funeral was held at the parsonage on Sunday at three o'clock, the Rev. McLennan of Topsham officiating. His son, George Dorch, left with the remains Monday for Clarkville for burial beside his wife.

WILL RETURN TONIGHT.

Vermont National Guard on Way
Home from Manassas.

Brattleboro, Sept. 13.—The 1st Regt., V. N. G., is expected to arrive here on the return from the camp at Thoroughfare, Va., this afternoon. It is not expected that camp will be made here, but that the companies will go at once to their respective towns. The local railroad officials are making plans to give the regiment quickest possible service out of Brattleboro. There will probably be three special trains.

A telegram received from Col. J. G. Estey said the regiment would arrive in Brattleboro Tuesday and spoke of the hard, hot week that had been experienced at Manassas.

STATION AGENT REMOVED.

East Montpelier Official Was Also Fined
for Intoxication.

East Montpelier, Sept. 13.—Montpelier and Wells River Station Agent Choiniere has been removed from his position. He was also fined in court before Justice Sibley today for intoxication. The double penalty is the result of a disturbance at the station last night which scandalized the neighbors. Word was sent to General Manager Stowell at Montpelier last night, and that official sent a special train here post haste at midnight with an officer on board. As the result of an examination of affairs the agent was removed from his position. It is said that the agent did not intend to stay long in town.

PETITIONS INTO BANKRUPTCY.

Badger, McLean & Co. of this City One
of Those in Yesterday's List.

Burlington, Sept. 13.—The following petitions in bankruptcy were filed in Burlington yesterday at the district court clerk's office:

Petition against Badger, McLean & Co. of Barre, involuntary. The petition and the amounts of their claims are: Allen Young & Co., merchandise, \$600; H. O. Worthen, rent, \$46; F. Y. Howland, money loaned, \$200. The first firm is from Burlington and the last two from Barre.

Petition of N. C. Thomas of Caledonia, voluntary. Liabilities, \$1,415, assets, \$470.

WEBSTERVILLE.

There will be a box social at the home of J. A. Cuming Friday evening for the benefit of the church. All are cordially invited.

MYSTERY NOT
CLEARED YETMrs. Ortell Seen at Mont-
pelier Friday Morning

BY W. S. PAGE, LIVERYMAN

Letter From So. Hadley Falls, Mass. and
Telephone From Montreal Affords
No Further Information.

The mystery surrounding the disappearance of Phoebe LeClaire Ortell, wife of Jerome Ortell of Hawes street, last Friday morning is as deep as ever. A rumor which was current on the streets last evening that her body had been found hanging in A. S. Martin's wood shed at North Barre was entirely without foundation, having been started by some gossip-mongers.

Outside of the letter received from her by Mr. Ortell yesterday afternoon not one trace has been discovered. The letter was an affectionate one and told of her desire to fight out her troubles alone. The letter told her husband not to try to find her as it would be impossible. She also made provision for the giving of her belongings to her sister in Montreal. It also told the husband to take good care of their two year old child.

Last night Mr. Ortell telephoned to his wife's sister in Montreal and learned that Mrs. Ortell had not been there. The sister's husband stated that they had received some articles of children's clothing which had been sent from Barre a week ago, but had not heard anything further from Mrs. Ortell. This morning Mr. Ortell received a letter from David and Ellen Shelley of South Hadley Falls, Mass. Mr. and Mrs. Shelley, who are uncle and aunt of the missing woman, expressed their great surprise and sorrow over the mystery. They had not heard of the disappearance until they got word from Mr. Ortell.

The letter which Mrs. Ortell wrote her husband and which was mailed in this city Sunday night or Monday morning is what the police depend upon now. They ask that the persons who know anything about the mailing of the letter go to the police station and give whatever information they can. They will give the assurance that the matter will be held strictly confidential.

The letter in question is as follows:

Barre, Vt.
Dear Jerome,
I suppose you wonder where I am. I don't look for me. I am lost forever. I wish you would give good care to Angelina. I hope you won't take this too much to heart, Jerome. You know I can't do anything to please you and I am not strong enough to stand it all the time. So I think I had better suffer all alone, Jerome. I hope you will, if you get rid of anything, let Alice have the care of her. Her close are all in my trunk. I hope she will live well. But, Jerome, don't curse me. Perhaps I am crazy. If I am let me be. Ill die alone. Don't look for me. It is best not to. I am lost forever to all of you. Tell mother not to worry. I am all right; she will see me someday. Good-bye, forever.

Yours Phoebe Ortell.

A definite clue regarding the woman's action was learned this afternoon from Will S. Page of Page Bros., the livery men. Mrs. Ortell worked for Mr. Page four years ago, a short time before her marriage. When Mr. Page was on his way to Waterbury Friday morning he saw Mrs. Ortell in the doorway of the Central Vermont railroad station in Montpelier. The woman did not get off the train on which Mr. Page went down from Barre. Mr. Page immediately recognized the woman and bowed to her. Mrs. Ortell returned the salutation with a slight bow, so slight that Mr. Page thought she did not recognize him. So far as Mr. Page knows Mrs. Ortell did not take the same train out of Montpelier.

RAISING DITCHED ENGINE.

Will Take Another Day to Lift the
Boulder to Barre R. R. Iron.

The work of raising the derailed and ditched locomotive "Boulder" of the Barre R. R. to the siding on Batchelder's meadow, from which it was thrown Sunday, was continued yesterday, under the direction of Master Mechanic Wallen and Road Master Dodge. The job will take considerably longer than at first anticipated. It is impossible to use a derrick in lifting the engine; so the tedious work of jacking it up had to be started. When the engine is raised to the proper level a track will be constructed under it. The "Boulder" weighs 47 tons. It is not thought, that any very serious damage was done to it through the plunge.

The work will probably not be completed until tomorrow.